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INTRODUCTION

This bibliography is an expansion of a pamphlet by the same name published several years ago by CSLA which proved to be one of its most popular sources of information about books.

Our intention here is to bring to the attention of church and synagogue librarians books that will help readers understand religion in North America and especially those faiths which differ from their own. Members of several denominations and faith groups have helped us choose the most appropriate books. It is our belief that as we read to understand our neighbor's faith, we come to a better appreciation of our own.

This bibliography is not intended to be "complete" but rather to serve its special purpose. We have endeavored to choose books on a general reader's interest level and in a price range that makes purchase by local congregational libraries possible. Where less expensive paperback editions are available these are noted. In a few instances large, more expensive books are listed, mostly in the reference field. Children's books are included but not as a separate category. Books are not arranged alphabetically nor in any order of importance within a category.

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CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1. GENERAL BOOKS

A RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, by Sydney E. Ahlstrom. Yale Univ. Press, 1972. 1120 p. $49.50 ($14.95 pb). Doubleday, 1975. Two volumes, $6.95 pb. each.
A comprehensive survey of American religion, winner of National Book Award in 1973, and highly regarded by many authorities. A scholarly, yet readable text, it covers everything from the first European settlements to the turbulence of the 1960's.

RELIGIONS OF AMERICA, edited by Leo Rosten. Simon & Schuster, 1975. $15.95 ($7.95 pb).
A guide to religious groups in America. Includes self-descriptions of beliefs as well as charts and statistics on religious topics.

ABINGDON DICTIONARY OF LIVING RELIGIONS, Keith Krim, General Editor. Abingdon, 1981. 864 p. $39.95.
The one-volume guide to the world's living religions. Clearly identifies the doctrines, movements, objects, practices, sects, and writings of the world's religions — including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, and more.

MANY PEOPLES, MANY FAITHS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF HUMANKIND, by Robert S. Ellwood, Jr. Prentice-Hall, 1982. 416 p. $19.95.
A contemporary approach to the study of comparative religion. Discusses primitive religions as well as the major living faiths. Introduces current scholarship dealing with major religious issues, making for a good general introduction to religious study. Contains a very useful bibliography of suggested reading in the various areas.

A RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF AMERICA, by Edwin S. Gaustad. Harper, 1974. 421 p. $7.95 pb.
Recounts the role of religion in American life. The account begins with the religious factors attending Columbus's voyage and proceeds through exploration and colonization to independence and the rise of an industrial society.

A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF RELIGION IN AMERICA, TO THE CIVIL WAR, edited by Edwin S. Gaustad. Eerdmans, 1982. 533 p. $16.95 pb.
A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF RELIGION IN AMERICA SINCE 1865, edited by Edwin S. Gaustad. Eerdmans, 1983. 640 p. $18.95. Slipcased set of two volumes, $36.95.
A compilation of documents (sermons, letters, proclamations, court records, personal narratives) that chronicle the life of religion in America. Each document is preceded by a brief introduction which places it in its historical context. According to the preface, this history "enables the reader to be his or her own historian. Using the many original sources here provided, one can construct a narrative, offer an analysis, arrive at an individually tailored synthesis."

YEARBOOK OF AMERICAN & CANADIAN CHURCHES 1983, edited by Constant H. Jacquet, Jr. Abingdon, 1983. 304 p. $17.95 pb.
A popular reference tool providing extensive information on the major faiths and their related organizations. Provides comprehensive statistical information on trends and developments, attendance, and the influence of religion on American life. Published annually.

FUNDAMENTALISM, by James Barr. Westminster, 1978. 379 p. $9.50 pb.
Provides a well-documented portrait of the fundamentalist in America. Will help in understanding the current influence of these groups as well as their historical roots and basic philosophy. Covers Protestant, Catholic and Jewish fundamentalism.

QUESTIONS OF HUMAN EXISTENCE AS ANSWERED BY MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS, by William Corlett & John Moore. Bradbury, 1980. Six volumes, $8.95 each.
Series includes *The Question of Religion, The Christ Story, The Hindu Sound, The Judaic Law, The Buddha Way,* and *The Islamic Space.* Considers the basic questions of life and how they are answered by the world's faiths. The authors, both laymen, share their own thoughts, doubts, and feelings by asking fundamental questions in an adventurous, involving, but never dogmatic way.

A DICTIONARY OF NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS, by Geoffrey Parrinder. Westminster, 1973. 320 p. $10.95.
A unique encyclopedia of information covering the whole field of the religions of the world, with the exception of Christianity and the Bible. Special attention is given to post-biblical Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. Considerable space is devoted to smaller religions, both current and ancient ones.

ALL GODS CHILDREN: THE CULT EXPERIENCE — SALVATION OR SLAVERY?, by Carroll Stoner & Jo Anne Parke. Chilton, 1977. 324 p. $8.95.
Explores and documents some of the causes and effects of the entire cult movement — cult members and their families, clergy, psychiatrists, deprogrammers, and some of the new religious messiahs themselves.

2. JUDAISM

UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM, by Eugene B. Borowitz. UAHC, 1979. $6.00
A textbook for young people and adults which discusses the fundamental beliefs of Judaism. The viewpoints of the three branches of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform) are given on such topics as belief in God and ethics.

THE STORY OF JUDAISM, by Bernard J. Bamberger. UAHC, 1970. Rev. ed. $6.50.
A concise history of Judaism, including the history of Israel, the Jewish people and their religion.

BASIC JUDAISM, Milton Steinberg. HarBraceJ, 1965. $2.95 pb.
A brief, effective discussion of the fundamentals of Judaism. It is excellent for explaining Judaism to non-Jews. Included are chapters on Jewish law, Jewish practices, and Israel's history.

WHAT THE JEWS BELIEVE, by Phillip S. Bernstein. Greenwood, 1979. $15.00.
This reprint of a 1951 edition, compares the beliefs of Jews with those of Christians.

THE CONCISE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, edited by Cecil Roth. NAL, 1980. 576 p. $8.95 pb.
From biblical beginnings to today, here is a complete guide to Judaism — history, culture, people, places —alphabetized and cross-referenced. A convenient, comprehensive sourcebook for dealing with serious questions of Judaism as well as gaining insight into Jewish heritage.

TO BE A JEW: A GUIDE TO JEWISH OBSERVANCE IN CONTEMPORARY LIFE, by Hayim H. Donin. Basic Books, 1972. $13.95.
Endorsed by Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbis, this comprehensive guide explains in detailed but simple terms the beliefs, laws, and customs of Judaism as they apply to daily life.

WHAT IS A JEW? by Morris Kertzer. Macmillan, 1978. $3.95 pb.
A guide to Jewish beliefs. It answers questions non-Jews and Jews alike may have about the Jewish religion. A section is included on Jews and Christians and how their beliefs differ. Discusses Jewish attitude toward conversion, Christmas, and intermarriage as well as explaining Jewish traditions and observances.

NINE QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK ABOUT JUDAISM, by Dennis Prager & Joseph Telushkin. Simon & Schuster, 1981. $12.95.
Contains questions and answers which give the Jewish point of view (Orthodox in philosophy) on Judaism's relevancy to contemporary life. Included is a section on intermarriage and a chapter on how Judaism differs from Christianity.

REASONS FOR JEWISH CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS, by Abraham Sperling. Bloch, 1975. $7.95 pb.
A classic work of nearly six hundred questions and answers on all aspects of Jewish religious life.

THE JEWS OF AMERICA: HISTORY AND SOURCES, by Frances Butwin. Behrman, 1973. 160 p. $4.95 pb.
A lively, illustrated account of Jewish life in America, from Columbus right up to the impact of the Six-Day War on Jewish Americans.

THE MODERN MEANING OF JUDAISM, by Roland B. Gittelsohn. Collins, 1978. $8.95 ($5.95 pb.)
This gifted author explains, through quotes from the Talmud and by liberal use of stories, anecdotes, similes and illustrations, the ancient and modern beliefs, aspirations and practices of the Jews. Especially suitable for high school students.

THE MANY FACES OF JUDAISM — ORTHODOX, CONSERVATIVE, RECONSTRUCTIONIST, AND REFORM, by Gilbert S. Rosenthal. Behrman, 1979. $4.95 pb.
Useful, simply written book presenting a rational, brief, balanced commentary on the major streams of Judaism in the U.S.

THE LIFETIME OF A JEW THROUGHOUT THE AGES OF JEWISH HISTORY, by Hayyim Schauss. UAHC, 1976. Rev. ed. $5.50 pb.
Describes Jewish customs in individual terms, presenting the major observances from birth to death. The book also shows the changes in customs over the years thus giving a good historical sequence to each.

A HISTORY OF THE JEWS: FROM EARLIEST TIMES THROUGH THE SIX DAY WAR, by Cecil Roth. Rev. ed. Schocken, 1970. $7.50 pb.
Gives the story of the Jewish people, told against the background of their social, religious, and cultural development.

MAJOR TRENDS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM, by Gershom Scholem. Schocken, 1961. Third ed. $7.95 pb.
A classic in Jewish mystical thought.

THE JEWISH FESTIVALS FROM THEIR BEGINNINGS TO OUR OWN DAY, by Hayyim Schauss. Rev. ed. UAHC, 1969. $8.00.
An authoritative and highly readable discussion of the history, significance and observance of the Jewish holy days. Useful for quick reference on specific aspects of the festivals.

LIBERAL JUDAISM AT HOME: THE PRACTICES OF MODERN REFORM JUDAISM, by Morrison Bial. UAHC, 1971. Rev. ed. 208 p. $5.00 pb.
Acquaints the reader with traditional Jewish customs and how they came about; how liberal Jews have selected among these and observe them today. Explores all aspects of Jewish life.

JEWS, GOD AND HISTORY, by Max Dimont. NAL, 1972. $2.50 pb.
History of the Jewish people emphasizing their contribution to civilization. The author feels that it is the basic beliefs of Judaism which have enabled the religion to survive all these years.

THE NEW JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, by Bridger & Wolk. Behrman, 1976. 542 p. $14.95.
"The facts of Jewish religion, history, ethics, literature and national life are included in a practical comprehensive digest" (from Preface)

THE TORAH, A MODERN COMMENTARY, edited by W. Gunther Plaut & Bernard J. Bamberger. UAHC, 1981. 1824 p. $30.00.
Scholarly Jewish commentary on the first five books of the Bible (commonly known as the Torah).

THE WORLD OF THE TALMUD, by Morris Adler. Schocken, 1963. Second ed. $3.75 pb.
A guide to the Talmud and its historic background. Originally written for Jewish college students as part of the "Hillel Little Books" series to explain their own heritage.

EVERYMAN'S TALMUD, by Abraham Cohen. Schocken, 1975. 446 p. $9.50 pb.
A comprehensive summary of the Talmud beginning with a section that explains its history and makeup. It then summarizes the major teaching of the Talmud by subject.

WITNESS TO THE HOLOCAUST, by Azriel Eisenberg. Pilgrim, 1981, 1981. 649 p. $22.50 ($12.95 pb)
Here, in one definitive volume, are over 100 spellbinding, eyewitness accounts of a brutal period in history that claimed the lives of millions of innocent victims. From all over the world, Jews & Christians tell their own moving stories.

A TREASURY OF JEWISH FOLKLORE, edited by Nathan Ausubel. Crown, 1948. 544 p. $10.95 (Bantam, 1980. $3.95 pb.)
A collection of the best known of the traditions, stories, legends, humor, wisdom, and folk songs of the Jewish people.

ANNE FRANK: THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL, by Anne Frank. Doubleday, 1967. Rev. ed. $13.95.
A personal account of a sensitive young Dutch teenager in hiding from the Nazis during the Holocaust.

KNOW YOUR FESTIVALS AND ENJOY THEM, by Morris Golumb. Shengold, 1973. Second ed. $8.95.
Explains each Jewish holiday through the year, giving the history and practices connected with it. Can be used by adults or young people.

INSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE, by Grace Freeman and Joan Sugarman. UAHC, 1963. 60 p. $4.00.
Will help children appreciate and understand what the synagogue is and was. Beautiful illustrations. For ages 7 to 14 years.

LET'S GO TO THE SYNAGOGUE, by Ceil & David Olivestone. SBS Publ., 1981. 24 p. $4.95.
Explains the basic features of the synagogue and its services.

YOUR NEIGHBOR CELEBRATES, by Arthur Gilbert & Oscar Tarcov. Anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith. 38 p. $.75.
A small booklet explaining Jewish holidays and sacraments to non-Jewish children. In addition to holidays, Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation are also discussed.

WHO KNOWS TEN: CHILDREN'S TALES OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, by Molly Cone. UAHC, 1968. $5.00.
Each commandment is accompanied by a story that beautifully illustrates its ideals. For ages 7 to 11 years.

A PICTURE BOOK OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS, illustrated by Linda Heller. Holiday, 1981. 32 p. $8.95.
Helpful for reading aloud to young children. Simple text with clear pictures showing a typical Jewish family at various holiday activities. For ages 5 to 9 years.

ALL ABOUT JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND CUSTOMS, by Morris Epstein. Rev. ed. KTAV, 1969. $5.95 pb.
Reveals the traditions, ceremonies, joys and sorrows relating to the various holidays and customs. For ages 10 and up.

BAR MITZVAH, by Howard Greenfeld. Holt, 1981. 32 p. $7.95.
An impressive background of Jewish law and lore is well integrated into this discussion of Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah. For early teens.

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR, by Howard Greenfeld. Holt, 1979. $6.95.
The High Holy Days of the Jewish Calendar are explained in simple words and pictures, telling what they mean and how they are celebrated. For early teens and up.

DAVID, MY JEWISH FRIEND, by Alice L. Goddard. Friendship, 1968. 64 p. $1.95.
Written in consultation with leaders of the Jewish faith, this book is uniquely designed to give Christian children an understanding of the ways of their Jewish friends. For ages 9 to 12 years.

THE JEWISH ALMANAC, by Richard Siegel & Carl Rheims. Bantam, 1980. $9.95 pb.
A treasury of information about Jewish history, religion, wisdom, achievement, and more.

THE JEWISH BOOK OF WHY, by Alfred J. Kolatch. Jonathan, 1981. 324 p. $10.95.
An enlightening volume for anyone who "asks why" about anything Jewish. Arranged in question and answer format, with Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform views presented objectively. Practically every symbol, custom and practice relating to the public and personal life of the Jew is described and explained.

PASSOVER, by Howard Greenfeld. Holt, 1978. 32 p. $6.95.
Here is the dramatic story of the Exodus, and how it is celebrated today at Passover with the Seder meal. For teens and up.

THE HANUKKAH STORY, by Marilyn Hirsh. Hebrew Pub., 1977. $7.95.
A lively version of the Hanukkah story with emphasis on archeological detail. For ages 6 to 10 years.

PURIM: A JOYOUS HOLIDAY, by Sophia Cedarbaum. UAHC, 1960. $3.50.
The holiday commemorating Queen Esther's victory over Haman, is vividly described for early teens.

3. CHRISTIANITY

MERE CHRISTIANITY, C.S. Lewis. Macmillan, 1981. 211 p. $12.95.
Based on a series of radio messages delivered by the author in Britain during World War II, this has become a classic explanation of what the Christian faith is all about.

WORLD CHRISTIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA: A COMPARATIVE SURVEY OF CHURCHES & RELIGIONS IN THE MODERN WORLD, AD 1900 to 2000, edited by David B. Barrett. Oxford, 1982. 1000+ p. $95.00.
Lively narrative, pictures, and current detailed statistics contribute to nation-by-nation view providing a complete authoritative world survey of Christianity. It is an encyclopedia, a dictionary, a who's who, an atlas, a directory, a bibliography, a statistical survey and more — all systematically arranged.

A HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, by Robert T. Handy. Oxford, 1977. 471 p. $27.50 ($6.95 pb).

The religious histories of both the United States and Canada are presented from colonial times to the present. All of the major Christian movements and many of the smaller ones receive attention. The distinctive ways in which each country's religious life developed are well documented. This volume is part of a projected series on the history of the Christian church.

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE, by Richard Harries. Winston, 1982. 176 p. $4.95 pb.
An ecumenical survey of basic Christian tenets which will help readers understand the essentials of the Christian faith — what the beliefs are and what their implications are for daily living.

BASIC CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS, by Rolf Aaseng. Augsburg, 1982. 111 p. $3.95 pb.
Summarizes in clear language the main teachings of the Christian church and explains their background and significance for our day.

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH: ANSWERS FOR THE FUTURE, by Karl Rahner & Karl-Heinz Weger. Crossroad, 1980. 208 p. $10.95 ($4.95 pb).
Two theologians — one in his seventies with a worldwide reputation; the other young and relatively unknown — offer a provocative exchange of thoughts on the essence of Christian faith.

EVANGELICAL CATECHISM: CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE WORLD TODAY. Augsburg, 1982. 399 p. $4.95 pb.
Presents the message of the Christian church in a clear, contemporary way. The book is evangelical because it is centered in the evangel (the gospel of Jesus Christ); it is a catechism because in speaks to faith and life.

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, by John S. Whale. Cambridge, 1941. 197 p. $19.95 (($7.95 pb).
A classic, readable, survey of the Christian doctrines of creation, the fall, history, atonement, trinity, incarnation, the church, the word, sacraments, and the last things. Offers a good bibliography for further reading.

CHRISTIANITY THROUGH THE AGES, by Kenneth S. Latourette. Harper, 1965. 321 p. $6.95 pb.
A history of Christianity, taking into account its basic significance — political, religious, economic, aesthetic, social and intellectual.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?, by Michael Green. Abingdon, 1982. 64 p. $9.95.
Here is a clear introduction to what Christianity is all about. This highly illustrated book tells what it means in practical and personal terms to be a Christian.

THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY, by Tim Dowley. Good News, 1981. 64 p. $9.95.
Combining visual beauty with a highly readable text, this attractive volume hits the high spots in the story of Christianity, focusing upon Jesus Christ himself, then offering a concise overview of key events and movements within Christianity.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY, by Martin E. Marty. Fortess, 1980. 384 p. $7.95 pb.
An interesting, instructive statement of the history of Christianity from its founding to present day. The author has arranged his material around the ancient ideal of the church — "one, holy, catholic, apostolic."

OUR FAITH: BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEF, by Max Thurian. Crossroad, 1982. 192 p. $12.95.
Explains beliefs shared by all Christians seeking unity in a renewed church. The intention is to express a common Christian creed, noting only here and there points on which differences remain. Each chapter takes a point of Christian faith and expounds it simply.

THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST, by James S. Stewart. Abingdon, 1978. 192 p. $1.95 pb.
A classic presentation of the essential teachings of the ministry of Jesus. Its chapters are organized with Bible references and discussion questions for group or individual study.

DOCUMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, selected and edited by Henry Bettenson. Oxford, 1970. Second edition. 343 p. $6.95 pb.
A good collection of the most important source materials for the history of Christianity. A valuable reference book for the many questions about historical councils and their statements.

EARLY CHRISTIANS, AN ILLUSTRATED DOCUMENTARY, by John W. Drane. Harper, 1982. 144 p. $9.95 pb.
Answers many questions which people ask about the life in the first years of the church. Good illustrations and short separate articles throughout make it an interesting approach to the subject.

CATHOLICISM

AMERICAN CATHOLICS: A HISTORY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES, by James J. Hennesey. Oxford, 1981. $19.95.
This is a "people history" of Catholics from the colonial times to the present. It covers everything through the triumphs and tribulations of Vatican II.

CHRIST AMONG US: A MODERN PRESENTATION OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, by Anthony Wilhelm. Paulist, 1981. Third Edition. 480 p. $4.95 pb.
Considered a classic introduction to Catholicism, this will provide up-to-date information. Chapters include discussion questions, bibliographies, and practical applications of the teachings.

THE FAITH OF CATHOLICS: AN INTRODUCTION, by Richard Chilson. Paulist, 1975. Rev. ed. 320 p. $3.45.
Has parallel texts: (1) a discussion of the faith as reformed by Vatican II; and (2) a discussion of the old understanding of the faith in the light of the Vatican II changes.

CATHOLICISM: AN HISTORICAL SURVEY, by John P. Dolan. Barron's, 1968. 256 p. $10.00 ($4.25 pb.)
Explains the origin, development, and transformation in time and space of the Catholic faith as well as its complex relationships with different civilizations in the living context of history.

CATHOLICISM, by George Brandl. Braziller, 1961. 256 p. $8.95.
The meaning of Catholicism — its religious, moral, intellectual and social values — is discussed for the lay reader. This is part of a series — Great Religions of Modern Man.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BUT WERE TOO PIOUS TO ASK, by Andrew Greeley. Barnes & Noble, 1978. 156 p. $3.50 pb.
In spite of the admittedly casual ring of the title, this book will be of substantial help to non-Catholics who are interested in short answers to Catholic teachings and beliefs.

CATHOLICISM TODAY: A SURVEY OF CATHOLIC BELIEF AND PRACTICE, by Matthew F. Kohmescher. Paulist, 1980. 216 p. $3.50 pb.
Offers a concise overview of the Catholic Church today. Will be useful for the casual inquirer. Gives accurate summaries of the Catholic position on many subjects.

THE SPIRIT OF CATHOLICISM, by Karl Adam & Dom J. McCann. Doubleday, 1979. 237 p. $4.50 pb.
A classic exposition of all aspects of Catholicism.

TO BE A CATHOLIC, by Joseph V. Gallagher. Paulist, 1970. 96 p. $1.50 pb.
A question/answer format presents the Catholic faith in a short, but accurate presentation.

THE QUESTION AND ANSWER CATHOLIC CATECHISM, by John A. Hardon. Doubleday, 1981. 408 p. $15.95 ($8.95 pb)
Covers framework of twelve articles of the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, and eight Beatitudes. All of the major beliefs and doctrines of the Catholic Church are discussed. Useful as a compendium of Catholic teachings.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FRIDAY? AND OTHER QUESTIONS THAT CATHOLICS ASK, by Joseph C. Gibbons. Paulist, 1980, 224 p. $2.95 pb.
A kind of Catholic "Dear Abby" with questions and answers concerning things Catholic. These are real questions by people, addressed to the author at Sign Magazine.

CATHOLIC BELIEF & PRACTICE IN AN ECUMENICAL AGE, Wilfrid F. Dewan. Paulist, 1966. 93 p. $1.95 pb.
A brief, up-to-date explanation of Catholic belief in words and ideas suggested by Vatican II. Attempts to present official teaching and activity in a modern framework which is derived from biblical ideas.

A POPULAR HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, by Philip Hughes. Macmillan, 1962. $3.95 pb.
An excellent introductory reading which encompasses the history of the Catholic Church up to the mid-twentieth century.

AMERICAN CATHOLICISM, by John T. Ellis (edited by Daniel Boorstin). Univ. of Chicago, 1969. Second edition. $17.50 ($4.95 pb.)
This slim volume presents a general survey offering a chronological sketch of the development of the Catholic Church in America from colonial missions to the present time.

CATHOLICISM, by Richard P. McBrien. Winston, 1980. 1312 p. Two-volume set $37.50. (Study Edition, 1981. $24.50)
A thoroughly balanced and orthodox synthesis of Catholic traditions. Presents an outstanding vision of theology in the post-Vatican II context. All topics are presented clearly and explained in relation to their full historical development.

THE BOTTOM LINE CATECHISM FOR CONTEMPORARY CATHOLICS, by Andrew Greeley. Thomas More, 1983. 304 p. $8.95 pb.
For Father Greeley, the absolute bottom line of Christianity is the fact that God loves us, and it is this bit of Good News that runs through the whole book. Bold new questions are asked that lead to the core of Catholic belief.

A NEW CATECHISM: CATHOLIC FAITH FOR ADULTS. Crossroad, 1977. 574 p. $6.95 pb.
This "Dutch Catechism" avoids rite teaching and gives a frank, probing, and contemporary summary of the Catholic faith.

THE CATHOLIC ALMANAC, edited by Felician A. Foy. Our Sunday Visitor, 1982. $12.95.
This annual publication has established itself as the world's most comprehensive, authoritative, one-volume handbook of Catholic facts and information. The book contains a wealth of basic information carefully indexed with many cross references.

A CATHOLIC DICTIONARY, edited by Donald Attwater. Macmillan, 1961. $2.45 pb.
A general work for quick reference. Defines words, terms, names, and phrases which are related to Catholicism.

THE PAPACY IN THE MODERN WORLD, by J. Derek Holmes. Crossroad, 1981. 288 p. $14.95.
An illustrated account of papal policies and decisions, history, changes and developments, and personalities from the time of Benedict XV to John Paul II.

THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENTS, by Monika Hellwig. Pflaum, 1972. 102 p. $1.95 pb.
The seven sacraments of the Catholic Church are seen in modern perspective as sacred actions growing out of life experience and based on biblical themes.

DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGY, by Karl Rahner and Herbert Vorgrimler. Crossroad, 1981. Second edition. $17.50.
Brief explanations of the most important concepts of modern Catholic dogmatic theology. A reference work with abundant cross references.

THE SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN, by Thomas Merton. Har BraceJ, 1978. $6.95 pb.
Autobiography of a young man, who at the age of 25, after leading a full and worldly life, entered a Trappist monastery. The last part of the book forms a fascinating account of the daily life in a monastery.

A YOUNG PERSON'S BOOK OF CATHOLIC WORDS, by William Jacobs. Doubleday, 1981. 125 p. $2.75 pb.
A "dictionary" of over 400 Catholic words from the Bible, theology, and religious practice described in terms of their history and importance in the life of a Catholic.

A YOUNG PERSON'S BOOK OF CATHOLIC SIGNS AND SYMBOLS, by Francis Tiso. Doubleday, 1982. 128 p. $4.50 pb.
An anthology of more than 150 basic signs and symbols of Roman Catholic Christianity — grouped under 14 Major themes.

THE PENGUIN DICTIONARY OF SAINTS, by Donald Attwater. Penguin, 1965. $4.95 pb.
An alphabetical listing of saints, giving a brief description of their life and liturgical status, together with dates of commemoration. This is based on the classic Butler's Lives of the Saints.

EASTERN ORTHODOXY

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH: ITS PAST, AND ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD TODAY, by John Meyendorff. St. Vladimir's, 1981. 258 p. $8.95 pb.
Provides a general introduction to the Orthodox way of life by describing its history, present state and future prospects. It is written for easy narrative reading, but is also set in a format that makes it a handy ref- rence.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, by Timothy Ware. Penguin, 1963. $4.95 pb.
Opens up the history and faith of this largely unknown church, sheds light on its worship and theology and problems of reunion with other Christian groups.

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH: ITS FAITH, HISTORY AND PRACTICE, by Demetrios J. Constantelos. Seabury, 1982. 178 p. $15.95 ($9.95 pb)
A brief interpretive exposition of the essential teachings and ethos of one of the oldest and theologically most vital strains within Christendom.

THE MYSTICAL THEOLOGY OF THE EASTERN CHURCH, by Vladimir Lossky. St. Vladimir's, 1976. 252 p. $7.95 pb.
Fairly scholarly, but a brilliant treatment of the mystical theology of Eastern Orthodoxy.

PROTESTANTISM

GENERAL BOOKS

THE SPIRIT OF PROTESTANTISM, by Robert McAfee Brown. Oxford, 1965. 264 p. $6.95 pb.
A comprehensive, readable account of all aspects of Protestantism. Probably the best book on the subject for lay persons who really want to understand what Protestantism is all about.

PROTESTANTISM, by Hugh T. Kerr. Barron's, 1979. 334 p. $4.95 pb.
An anthology of selected essays by Protestant thinkers of every conceivable theological hue. Traces key issues in the development of Protestantism from the Reformation to the Twentieth Century.

PROTESTANTISM IN AMERICA: A NARRATIVE HISTORY, by Jerald C. Brauer. Westminster, 1972. Rev. Ed. 320 p. $4.95 pb.
A concise and comprehensive account of Protestant Christianity in the United States.

AMERICAN PROTESTANTISM, by Winthrop S. Hudson. Univ. of Chicago, 1961. 198 p. $10.00 ($4.95 pb.)
Deals with the history and significant aspects of Protestantism in America. Explains especially well the American phenomenon of "denominationalism".

A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO PROTESTANT THEOLOGY, by William Hordern. Rev. Ed. Macmillan, 1968. 222 p. $1.95 pb.
Explains in non-technical language the various trends and movements in modern Protestant theology — includes Barth, Brunner, Niebuhr and Scott.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHURCH, by Robert McAfee Brown. Westminster, 1956. 96 p. $2.45 pb.
An introduction to a vital understanding of the Protestant Church. Presents a clear view of the church both past and present.

A HANDBOOK OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, edited by Marvin Halverson & Arthur Cohen. Abingdon, 1958. 380 p. $5.95 pb.
Supplies a summary of the multiple trends in Protestant theology. Seventy one theologians have written essays, defining the specific character and significance of over one hundred theological concepts.

HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, by Frank S. Mead. Abingdon, 1980. Seventh Edition. 265 p. $7.95.
A handy reference book containing brief historical sketches of religious denominations in the United States. Surveys their organization, principle doctrines, and relations to other denominations.

CLASSICS OF PROTESTANTISM, edited by Vergilius Ferm. Philosophical Lib., 1959. 587 p. $10.00.
A collection of literary works which have been significant in Protestant history, from Reformation times to the present.

FOUR REFORMERS: LUTHER, MELANCHTHON, ZWINGLI, CALVIN, by Kurt Aland. Augsburg, 1979. 174 p. $5.95 pb.
Four fascinating leaders of the Reformation come alive. These giants released ideas which influence the teachings and life of most Protestant churches today.

LIVING ROOTS OF REFORMATION, by Jan M. Lochman. Augsburg, 1979. 96 p. $3.50 pb.
The three Reformation movements — Lutheran, Reformed, and Hussite — are examined and interpreted. Each is treated as an important and relevant part of this period of church history.

DENOMINATIONS

The following are some inexpensive titles giving specific information about several of the larger denominations.

LOOKING AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, by William Sydnor. Morehouse, 1981. 142 p. $5.25 pb.
An introduction to Episcopal Church teachings, symbolism and worship. The book is divided into 3 parts: first appearances, essential meaning, and commitment.

UNDERSTANDING THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, by Nolan B. Harmon. Abingdon, 1977. Rev. Ed. $4.95 pb.
Covers history, doctrine, discipline, organization, worship, sacraments, activity, worldwide doctrine and the United Methodist's relationship to other churches.

FRIENDS FOR THREE HUNDRED YEARS, by Howard H. Brinton. Pendle Hill, 1965. 239 p. $3.00 pb.
The history and beliefs of the Society of Friends since George Fox started the Quaker movement. Provides clear and authoritative answers to the question "What is Quakerism?"

A HANDBOOK FOR TODAY'S DISCIPLES, by D. Duane Cummins. Bethany, 1981. $1.95 pb.
Will assist in understanding the heritage, the mission, the thought, the worship, and the structure of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

THIS IS YOUR CHURCH: A GUIDE TO THE BELIEFS, POLICIES AND POSITIONS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, compiled by Steven Chambers. United Church Observer, 1982. 152 p. $3.25 pb.
A readable account of all aspects of the United Church of Canada. There are chapters on the doctrine, structure and history of the church, as well as such topics as social concerns, life styles, ministry, etc. Includes a directory of organizations, and an index.

BAPTIST CONVICTIONS, by Winthrop S. Hudson. Judson, 1963. 35 p. $.85 pb.
BAPTIST BELIEFS, by Edgar Y. Mullins. Judson, 1925. 96 p. $6.95 pb.
The first booklet gives a brief statement of convictions which have given form and substance to Baptist life in the past and present. The second is a more detailed guide to the study of Baptist beliefs (gives particular emphasis to American Baptist Convention).

INTRODUCING SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, by C. Bronlow Hastings. Paulist, 1981. 168 p. $6.95 pb.
Explains the history and present status of the Southern Baptist communion, giving insights into the faith of these people and the way their faith affects their lives.

HOW MENNONITES CAME TO BE, by J.C. Wenger. Herald, 1977. 70 p. $.95 pb.
WHAT MENNONITES BELIEVE, by J.C. Wenger. Herald, 1977. 70 p. $.95 pb.
MENNONITE LIFE, by John A. Hostetler. Herald, 1959. 89 p. $1.50 pb.
The first of these three small booklets gives a short history of the Mennonites. The second explores beliefs commonly held by all Christians and marks some particular emphasis of Mennonites. In the third, a Mennonite scholar interprets Mennonite life.

LUTHERANS IN THE U.S.A., by Willmar L. Thorkelson. Augsburg, 1978. Rev. ed. $2.95 pb.
Describes briefly what Lutherans in general believe, and gives the basic differences between the Lutheran bodies in the United States today.

PRESBYTERIANS, THEIR HISTORY & BELIEFS, by Walter L. Lingle and John W. Kuykendall. John Knox, 1978. 110 p. $3.50 pb.
An account of the events and doctrines of the Presbyterian Church giving emphasis to the Southern branch of the Presbyterian Church. At the time of this printing, the Northern and Southern branches are voting on possible reunion.

4. INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

ROTESTANT-CATHOLIC-JEW: AN ESSAY IN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS SOCIOLOGY, edited by Will Herberg. Doubleday, 1960. Rev. Ed. $2.50 pb.
A study of religion in the United States from a sociological standpoint. It is the author's hope that it may contribute to a better understanding of both religion and society.

ABBI AND MINISTER: THE FRIENDSHIP OF STEPHEN C. WISE AND JOHN HAYNES HOLMES. Prometheus, 1980. $7.95 pb.
Tells the story of a warm personal lifelong friendship between two outstanding clergymen. Their distinguished ecumenical exchange of ideas spanned a forty-year period, while they share the common goals of achieving human dignity and freedom.

HEN FAITH MEETS FAITH, by David M. Stowe. Friendship, 1967. Rev. Ed. 192 p. $4.95 pb.
A sensitive examination of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Roman Catholicism, from the point of view of Protestant Christianity with an aim toward strengthening one's own faith by understanding others.

HEN JEW AND CHRISTIAN MEET, by LaVonne Althouse. Friendship, 1966. 96 p. $1.50 pb.
Preliminary to dialogue to combat prejudice, and promote an understanding between faiths, this book gives a clear, condensed picture of Judaism. Afterword by a rabbi and Protestant minister in actual dialogue.

LDER AND YOUNGER BROTHERS: THE ENCOUNTER OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, by A. Roy Eckardt. Schocken, 1973. 216 p. $3.45 pb.
An interesting, scholarly study of the problems of Judeo-Christian relations. The aim of the author is to help break down barriers between Christians and Jews and to advance brotherly thinking and action on the part of Christians in relating to Jewish people.

EWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE. World Council of Churches, 1975. 72 p. $3.25 pb.
Reflections by five religious leaders on the results of six years of Christian-Jewish dialogue sponsored by the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations and the World Council of Churches' sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies. Includes a list of joint proposals toward the quest for world community.

JUDAISM AND CHRISTIAN BEGINNINGS, by Samuel Sandmel. Oxford, 1978. 510 p. $7.95 pb.
Describes the formation and consolidation of Synagogue Judaism, both in its Jewish and Christian manifestations. Sandmel's objective presentation makes this book invaluable to all those interested in Judaism and Christian beginnings.

LIVING FAITH AND ULTIMATE GOALS: SALVATION AND WORLD RELIGIONS, edited by S.J. Samartha. Orbis, 1975. 119 p. $3.95 pb.
Using the word "salvation" in its broadest sense as the final goal of all religion, this book is comprised of essays by world leaders of various religions as they see this goal from the point of view of Hindu, Buddhist, Jew, Muslim, Christian, and Marxist followers. There are also chapters on "New China and salvation history" and "African experience of salvation today."

FAITH IN THE MIDST OF FAITHS, REFLECTIONS ON DIALOGUE IN COMMUNITY, edited by S.J.Samartha. World Council of Churches, 1977. 200 p. $6.50 pb.
A lively presentation of the results of a consultation on how Christians from all over the world are seeking dialogue with their neighbors of other faiths. Covers Christian dialogue with Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu believers as well as those of Marxist ideologies.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: MATRIX FOR MISSION, by Paul A. Crow Jr. Friendship, 1982. 119 p. $4.95 pb.
Explains what the ecumenical movement is all about and explores the special challenges facing those who seek Christian unity in a changing and divided world. The biblical mandate for unity is set forth and problems explored.

LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS, by Philip Potter. Eerdmans, 1982. 173 p. $5.95 pb.
The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches reflects on the central issues of today's ecumenical agenda. Involved in the ecumenical movement for more than 30 years, the author understands the imperatives of Christian unity and here challenges all who seek life in all its fullness.

THE WORLD OF ISLAM, by John B. Taylor. Friendship, 1979. 58 p. $3.95 pb.
Islam seen through its historical roots and its present-day manifestations including its growth and impact on life in America. A help for all who would understand the Middle East and its peoples.

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